



Parliamentary Pointer: Those Friendly Amendments



By Jane Gray, District Three Parliamentarian



Jane Gray

Most of us have attended meetings in which an issue is discussed and a member is recognized to make a motion to take certain action. The chair then repeats the motion, only to be followed by another member chime in, “Would you accept a ‘friendly amendment?’”

Most often the original maker of the motion will accept the “friendly amendment” and the chair treats the motion as amended. Despite the well-meaning intent, this process does not conform to Robert’s Rules.

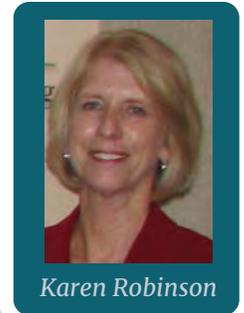
Why? Because once a motion is made and stated by the chair, it is the property of the body, not the maker. The amendment – friendly or not! – must be voted on by the entire group by either a regular vote or adopted by unanimous consent. The chair can observe that if the amendment is not controversial, she or he can ask the body if there is any objection to the amendment. If none is raised, the chair can declare the amendment adopted by unanimous consent. One objection requires the amendment to be debated and voted on as any other motion.



Altrusa District Three Foundation Conference Report



By Karen Robinson, District Three Foundation



Karen Robinson

The District Three Foundation Board of Directors is very pleased to be recognizing Clubs throughout the District for their outstanding community service. We received many worthy submissions for the five Award Categories: Lucile Spillers Alexander ASTRA Service, Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitative Service, Literacy Service Award, Vocational Service Award, and the Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Award. As the Awards Category is now fully funded, awards are over \$200. The ASTRA award winner will also receive monies from the International Foundation and will be entered into International competition. I only wish that we could have been together to celebrate these successes. Information on the award submissions and the winners is attached to this update.

AND, speaking of success, your District Three Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce that, thanks to the generosity of the District Three Altrusa members, the \$5,000 match was achieved. We are on our way to making the Grants Category fully funded. Our goal is to maintain a \$50,000 grant fund so that future grants will be provided from interest, thereby making them self-sustaining in perpetuity. We are a little over half way toward achieving that goal and we need your help.

The District Three Annual Conference is the major fundraiser for the Foundation. This is our Foundation and provides resources and support for the work that we all do. In the past, Clubs have generously donated items to the Foundation auction, both on an individual basis and as a Club. We are asking for your support both as a Club and as an individual. Instead of purchasing items for auction or creating a basket, we would ask that you make a monetary donation. No amount is too small and every dollar is most appreciated. It is tax deductible. Clubs could donate all or a portion of the conference fees that have been budgeted for this year.

In lieu of the Conference live and silent auctions, the Foundation held an online auction. It was the *Pajama Gala and No Show Auction*. Members and guests were asked to “*Just come as you are where you are*”. No need to dress up or apply makeup. Just relax and review the items for bid in the comfort of your home”. Once again, thanks to the Altrusa District Three members, a total of \$1307.58 was raised. Special thanks to the Auction Co-Chairs, Julie Keiper and Mary Kane, for this great idea.



Altrusa District Three Foundation Conference Report Continued.....



The Foundation Board would like to recognize individuals that have moved up to the next donor category. Gayle Hackett is now a member of the Mamie L. Bass Giving Category and Karen Robinson is now a member of the Governor's Circle.

This year, we are awarding two grants: one in the amount of \$375 to North Georgia, Georgia for their project "Orange Duffel Bag Initiative" and a grant in the amount of \$500 to Lake City, Florida for their project "Making a Difference with Menstrual and Hygiene Products". Congratulations to these clubs!

There have been some changes this year. The Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitative Services Award has been revised. The Altrusa International Club of Atlanta Georgia has updated the application to be more consistent with Ms. Dollar's wishes and priorities. You will remember that Ms. Dollar was a member of that Club and the award was established in her honor. The newly updated application is on the website for you to view and plan your projects.

Three Board members completed their terms of office. Thank you to **Gail Hackett** (Spartanburg, S.C.); **Mary Kane** (Atlanta, Ga.); and **Jill Adams** (Lake City, FL) for their hard work, commitment, and service to the Foundation. They will be missed.

Board members are solicited from the membership and elections are held at the annual meeting. At the April 18, 2020 District Three Special Meeting in lieu of Conference, the following nominees was unanimously elected to the Foundation Board: Martha Epps Starke, FL, Dawn Mainville, Lake County, FL, Gayle Magruder, Spartanburg, SC. As you can see from their bios, the Foundation is fortunate to have them. We welcome these new members and look forward to working with them.

I thank you for your generosity and support of the Foundation. You have made my tenure as Chair a pleasure. At the Foundation meeting on April 18, 2020, the 2020-2021 Foundation officers were elected. Julie Keiper is the new Chair and I know you will enjoy working with her as much as I have. Martha Epps is the Vice Chair and Gayle Magruder is the Secretary. Scott continues as the very competent Treasurer. I look forward to a bright and healthy future for the Foundation and the District Three membership.

Thank you, Altrusa District Three members.
Yours in Service,
Karen Robinson
Chair District Three Foundation

Congratulations



District Three Foundation Awards

By Karen Robinson, District Three Foundation



Karen Robinson

Lucile Spillers Alexander ASTRA Award (2)

Gainesville, FL: *Project Makeover*

Lake City, FL: *Books Can Make a Difference*

- **2nd Place Lake City, Fl. Books Can Make a Difference**
- **1st Place Gainesville Fla, Project Makeover**

Richard Ward Ulrich Environmental Service Award (1)

Raleigh, NC: *Preparing Paper Medical Records at Urban Ministries of Wake County*

- **1st Place Raleigh, NC: Preparing Paper Medical Records at Urban Ministries of Wake County**

Literacy Service Award (6)

Gainesville, FL: *Altrusa Penpal Project*

Lake City, FL: *Divide and Multiply*

Lake County, FL: *Reading Adventure*

Ocala, FL: *Enhancing Literacy and Learning*

Starke, FL: *Supporting Bradford High School Reading Club*

St. Augustine, FL: *National Literacy and Read a Book Day Celebration*

- **3rd Place Ocala, Fla. Enhancing Literacy and learning**
- **2nd Place Lake City Fla. Divide and Multiply**
- **1st Place Lake County Fla. Reading Adventure**

Vocational Services Award (7)

Gainesville, FL: *Altrusa Partnership with the Displaced Homemaker Program at Santa Fe College*

Lake City, FL: *Transforming Middle School Transitions*

Lake County, FL: *“Leg-Up for a Brighter Future”*

North Georgia, GA: *Heels, Hope and Helping Hands: Technical College Scholarships for Single Parents*

St. Augustine, FL: *Betsy Johnson Scholarships for Students in Transition*

Spartanburg, SC: *The Eula Sherman Vocational Scholarship*

Starke, FL: *Supporting Culinary and Hospitality Vocational Training*

- **3rd Place Lake County Fla. Leg Up for a Brighter Future**
- **2nd Place Spartanburg S.C. The Eula Sherman Vocational Scholarship**
- **1st Place Lake City, Fla. Transforming Middle School Transitions**

Cassie S. Dollar Rehabilitative Service Award (3)

Lake City, FL: *Making a Difference with Menstrual and Personal Hygiene Products*

Charlotte, NC: *Encouragement and Support*

Raleigh, NC: *Social Networking of a Different Sort*

- **3rd Place Raleigh N.C. Social Networking of a Different Sort**
- **2nd Place Lake City Fla. Making A Difference with Menstrual and Personal Hygiene Products**
- **1st Place Charlotte, N. C. Encouragement and Support**

Grants Received

- **2nd Place North Georgia, Georgia — Orange Duffel Bag Initiative**
 - Receiving a check for \$375.
- **1st Place - . Lake City, Florida — “Making a Difference with Menstrual and Hygiene Products”**
 - Receiving a check for \$500.



District Three Foundation Awards Continued....



Joey Robison Scholarships

Student – Brittnee Black
School – Converse College
Club – Spartanburg, SC

- Brittnee is a junior planning to graduate next year. Will have a degree in Deaf/Hard of Hearing Education. She currently works as an afterschool counselor at a children’s center. (More than likely laid off due the current situation) Salary is or was \$15,000.

Student – Christy Rice
School – Lanier Technical College
Club – North Georgia, GA

- Seeking a degree in Cosmetology and hopes to open her own salon some day. Her husband is a full time fire fighter who works two jobs to support the family (2 children). Christy does not work due to school schedule.

Student – Shakeria Stokes
School – First Coast Technical College
Club – St. Augustine, FL

- Seeking a degree for LPN and then RN program to become a nurse practitioner. Single Mom of 2 girls and works as a medical assistant at Flagler Hospital.

Student – Katherine Harris
School – Florida Gateway College
Club – Lake City, FL

- Working on a A.S. degree in Business Administration and then continue toward a bachelors in business. Single Mom of 2 boys. Works at the college as a senior staff assistant.

Student – Ana Linda Velez
School – University of NC at Charlotte
Club – Charlotte, NC

- In an early entrance program for a master’s degree for Spanish. Wants to work as an interpreter to help those who need services but cannot communicate in English. Doesn’t work and lives on grants and loans.

Student – Tanja Korba
School – Lake Technical College
Club – Lake County, FL

- Working for a AS LPN degree. Separated from husband for 3 years. Totally responsible for self and living on money saved previously when working and with husband.

Student – Deja Bostic
School – Santa Fe College
Club – Starke, FL

- Working for an AA degree in Dental Hygiene. Works part time at Save A Lot as a cashier. Has student loans, is married and has 2 children.



District Three Foundation Financials

By Scott Tice, District Three ASTRA Chair



Scott Tice

ALTRUSA DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION, INC Balance Sheet As of February 29, 2020

	Feb 29, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Wells Fargo Advisors	103,245.87
Wells Fargo Checking	577.71
Wells Fargo Savings	40,107.66
Total Checking/Savings	143,931.24
Total Current Assets	143,931.24
TOTAL ASSETS	143,931.24
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
I-PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	
ASTRA FUND	10,000.46
CASSIE DOLLAR FUND	12,577.25
LITERACY FUND	10,225.00
ULRICH ENVIRONMENTAL FUND	10,000.00
VOCATIONAL FUND	10,000.00
Total I-PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	52,802.71
II-TEMP. RESTRICTED FUNDS	
FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS	50,701.48
SPECIAL ACCOUNTS	
DISTRICT THREE GRANT FUND	29,356.56
JOEY ROBISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND	5,824.50
Total SPECIAL ACCOUNTS	35,181.06
Total II-TEMP. RESTRICTED FUNDS	85,882.54
III-UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	
DIVIDEND/INTEREST - Wells Fargo	
DIVIDENDS-WF Advisors	15,932.16
DIVIDEND/INTEREST - Wells Fargo - Other	-9,010.91
Total DIVIDEND/INTEREST - Wells Fargo	6,921.25
GENERAL FUND	
DONATIONS	
Grants Activity	-17,503.64
DONATIONS - Other	27,281.87
Total DONATIONS	9,778.23
GENERAL FUND - Other	-11,453.49
Total GENERAL FUND	-1,675.26
Total III-UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	5,245.99
Total Equity	143,931.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	143,931.24



District Three Foundation Financials Continued....



ALTRUSA DISTRICT THREE FOUNDATION, INC Profit & Loss March 2019 through February 2020

	Mar '19 - Feb 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Donations-Designated	12,614.93
Donations-Undesignated	210.99
Total CONTRIBUTIONS	12,825.92
FUND RAISING	
AUCTION	4,506.53
CLUBS FUNDRAISING	18,500.00
Total FUND RAISING	23,006.53
INTEREST INCOME	19.31
INVESTMENT INCOME	
Dividend, Interest	3,382.16
Total INVESTMENT INCOME	3,382.16
Total Income	39,233.92
Gross Profit	39,233.92
Expense	
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	
BANK CHARGES	9.00
DUES AND FEES	122.50
LODGING	2,642.40
MEALS	263.88
TRAVEL	1,308.92
Total MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	4,346.70
PROGRAM SERVICES	
AWARDS	1,538.68
CHARITIES	10,900.00
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS	450.00
FOUNDATIONS	1,000.00
GRANTS	1,500.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	
Joey Robison Scholarship	2,500.00
Scholarships from Clubs	6,000.00
Total SCHOLARSHIPS	8,500.00
SPECIAL EVENTS - Clubs	728.30
Total PROGRAM SERVICES	24,616.98
Total Expense	28,963.68
Net Ordinary Income	10,270.24
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
EQUITY TRANSFER	-10,270.24
Total Other Income	-10,270.24
Net Other Income	-10,270.24
Net Income	0.00



District Three Foundation Giving Categories

By Scott Tice, District Three ASTRA Chair



Scott Tice

Altrusa District Three Foundation, Inc.
FOUNDATION DONORS AND GIVING CATEGORIES

We Appreciate and Thank You All for your Support

CONTRIBUTOR \$50-\$99	SPONSOR \$100-\$249	PARTNER \$250-\$499	GOVERNOR'S CIRCLE \$500-\$999	MAMIE L BASS SOCIETY \$1,000	BENEFACTOR
Altrusa of Raleigh, NC	Altrusa of Bangalore India	Altrusa of Caldwell Co	Cindy Athey	Altrusa District Three	Gayle Magruder
Barbara (Bobbie) Bishop	Altrusa of Charlotte, NC	Altrusa Ori/Winter Park	Jenneane Froman	Altrusa Spartanburg Foundation	Linda Robison
Carol Halliburton	Altrusa of Starke, FL	Donna Johnson	Karen Robinson	Altrusa Starke Foundation	Margaret Cannon
Carole Strickland	Altrusa of St. Augustine, FL	Eddie & Peggy Ricks	Kitty McElhane	Beverly Hardy	Michelle Smith
Cathie Schanz	Altrusa of Waynesville, NC	Eileen Hines	Linda Tatum	Bonnie K. Lee	
Connie Larsen	Barbara Ann Hughes	Jean Sydnor	Margaret Cannon	Christy Bryant	
Dawn Mainville	Barbara Thomas	Madlean Rogers	Martin Orthodontics	Colleen Duris	
Debbie Catabia	Carol Decelle	Mary Kane	Michelle S. Smith	Gail Hackett	
Jane May	Catherine Thompson	Mary Kirley	Shannon Schell	Gayle Magruder	
Julia Allen	Donna Carroll	Nancy Drought		Jane Gray	
Julie Keiper	Elaine Muther	Penny A. Penn		Jill Adams	
Karen Wishart	Kathy Jackson			Linda Robison	
LaShone Surrency	Mary Martin Santana			Mantha Young	
Laura Erstad	Randi Kahl			Marlene Jones	
Linda Walker	Sandy Furches			Martha Epps	
Lisa Ferguson	Susy Meier			Robin Hall	
Lorrie Wheeler	Valerie Forster			Scott Tice	
Louise Parris				Tammy Hall	
Margaret Roldan					
Millie Griswald					
Nancy Mott					
Norma Teuton					
Nancy Simms					
Pat Davis					
Roberta Klusmeier					
Silvia Silverman					
Susan Newlin					
Susan Owens					
Theresa Young					
Traci Jones					

*Auction Purchases are Not Included

Records may be Incomplete due to unforeseen circumstances, any discrepancies please contact Scott Tice, District Three Foundation Treasurer



Pajama Gala and No-Show Auction

By Scott Tice, District Three ASTRA Chair



Thank you to those Altrusans who supported the District Three Foundation by participating in the Pajama Gala and No-Show Auction!

Through your generous support, we were able to raise \$1355 for the District Three Foundation! A special Thank You is extended to those Altrusans who donated items to be auctioned off in this creative event.



Scott Tice



2021 International Convention Quebec City, Canada



The 2021 International Convention, scheduled for July 21-24, 2021 will take place in Quebec City, Quebec, in Canada, For those who will be traveling from countries together that Canada, you will need a passport. If you need to know how and where to apply, simply do a Google search for "how do I apply for a passport."

For detailed instructions visit: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>





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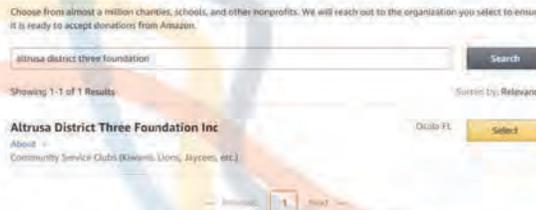


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After clicking on the search button the results of your search will appear on the screen:



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Elections: District Nominating Committee

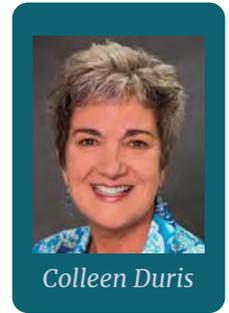


By Colleen Duris, District Three Elections Chair

The elections committee had grand plans to try our first electronic elections at the 2020 District Conference. With conference being cancelled, we were able to use what had been developed for our ZOOM member meeting. Two matters were up for election during our District Three Member Meeting on April 18, 2020. All parties were “elected” by unanimous consent, due to no opposition being present. The electronic election was for the chair of the District Nominating Committee. The election results are as follows:

International Nominating Committee 2021-2023 Candidate

- Christine Plant, Altrusa International of St. Augustine, Florida, Inc.



Colleen Duris

District Three Nominating Committee

- Christy Bryant, Chair, Altrusa International of Charlotte, North Carolina, Inc.
- Julia Allen, Altrusa International of Lake County, Florida, Inc.
- Frances Ferguson, Altrusa International of Ocala, Florida, Inc.
- Mary Kramer, Altrusa International of Starke, Florida, Inc.
- Jackie Long, Altrusa International of Citrus County, Florida, Inc.

Thank you to the elections committee members, Debbie Catabia, Martin Houston, Susy Meier and Cathie Schanz for assisting with this endeavor. A special thanks to Immediate Past International President, Leanne Milligan, for her help with the development of the (electronic) on-line ballot and process.



Sponsor Pins



By Kitty McElhaney, District Three Governor

Altrusa International, under the leadership of International President Beverly Hardy has reinstated the issuance of Sponsor Pins for Members who are dedicated to growing Altrusa. The pins will be awarded over the coming months. Pins are awarded using the following guidelines:



Kitty McElhaney

Sponsor Recognition Pins.

1. Altrusa introduced a new pin on April 1, 2012 called the Altrusa Gold Medal. Credit for the Altrusa Gold Medal will accumulate beginning June 1, 2009. To earn the Altrusa Gold Medal, a member must receive Sponsor Credit for ten (10) new members on or after June 1, 2009.
2. The Altrusa Gold Medal will be cumulative so long as the Member remains a Member, or until the International Board of Directors votes to discontinue the Gold Medal program of recognition.
3. A colored stone (“gemstone”), coordinating with the colors of the ribbons in the Altrusa logo, will be added when a Member receives Sponsor Credit for each additional ten members.
4. Pins in the shape of even-numbered numerals will continue to be awarded to Members who receive Sponsor Credit for the first eight new members, in increments of two, cumulatively since the numeral pins program started in the 2009-2011 biennium. For example, numeral pins will be awarded for Sponsor Credit for two members, four members, six members and eight members. A Gold Medal will be awarded to a Member when Sponsor Credit for an aggregate of ten members is received.
5. Once a Gold Medal is awarded, no additional numeral pins will be awarded but the Member is encouraged to wear the appropriate numeral pin already received, together with the Gold Medal to reflect additional Sponsor Credit received, until Sponsor Credit for the next increment of ten members is reached and a gemstone is awarded to be placed on the Gold Medal. At the discretion of the Governor special certificate could be used in between increments of ten to provide more recognition for our best recruiters.
6. All numeral pins and Gold Medals will be awarded at the District Conference after the numeral/Gold Medal/gemstone level is reached.
7. All members who have received Sponsor Credit for two or more members in the past club year or who reach another milestone (numeral pin, Gold Medal or gemstone) should be recognized in the relevant District Service Bulletins. Gold Medalists will also be acknowledged in the International Altrusan.

For the purposes of Sponsor Recognition, credit will be given for a person who has not been included on the membership roster of any club within International’s records as a current member for two prior fiscal years, prior to the submission of each member’s dues.

Club Initiatives

Senior Day at the Bradford County Fair

By Judy Perkins
Altrusa International of Starke, Florida

On March 4, 2020 Starke, Florida Altrusa Club members participated in providing lunches to senior citizens at the Bradford County Fair. Altrusa members contributed and served the desserts, dispensed the beverages, and helped deliver food to tables.

This activity was done in conjunction with Community State Bank. Approximately 500 meals were served. This is an annual event and our Club has been a part of it for many years. This is just another way that Altrusa of Starke, Inc. serves our community.



Altrusa Club of Starke Members (Left to Right) Top Row: Sylvia Reddish, Wanda Smith, Judy Perkin and Hilma Gaskins , Bottom Row: Martha Epps, Dimple Overstreet, and Valerie Hoffler



Club Initiatives

Night-Shift Law Enforcement Appreciation

By Lorrie Wheeler
Altrusa International of Lake City, Florida

Altrusa International of Lake City, Florida, like all of the world, has been truly affected by, but not afflicted with, the Coronavirus pandemic of 2020. We found ways to meet with each other through online avenue ZOOM. Because of the financial uncertainties we all face, we reimbursed our members for pre-paid meals from two meetings we were unable to host. Then, continuing in the Altrusa spirit of service, we allocated service funds from reserve to purchase meals for Public Safety Telecommunications Week, as well as overnight shifts of all our local law enforcement branches and their dispatchers – Columbia County Sheriff’s office, Lake City Police Department, Florida Highway Patrol and Florida Agriculture Officers, and Haven Hospice clinical staff. Over 100 meals, prepared by Laura Fowler-Goss of The Filling Fork, were individually packaged, using all required sanitary precautions, and the delivered directly to Haven Hospice, and to the law enforcement officers in a drive through setting by Altrusans Rebecca Golden and Lorrie Wheeler, and Sarah Wheeler delivered to the dispatchers. These officers have no restaurants to sit in at their dinner time, and many places that were formerly open overnight are now unavailable! We chose to recognize their service and the changes made during this national crisis.



Columbia Sheriff Dept and Sheriff Hunter



Florida Highway Patrol



Florida Agriculture Officers



Haven Hospice



Florida Highway Patrol & Columbia County Sheriffs
Deputies & Lake City Police Department



Lake City Police Department
with Lorrie Wheeler & Rebecca Golden

Club Initiatives

Books, PJs and Backpacks Project

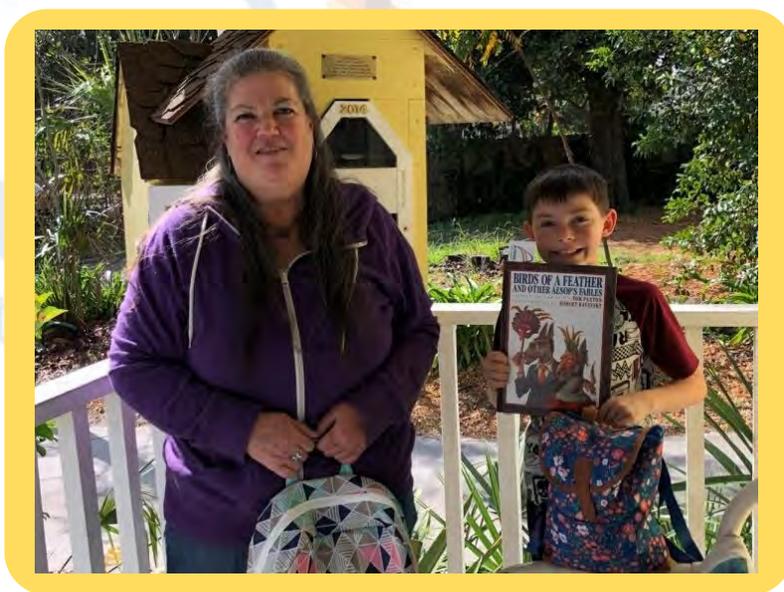
By Mimi Cooper
Altrusa International of St. Augustine, Florida

The Books, PJs, and Backpacks Project got its start by a simple gesture of a very sweet little boy named Sebastian Segui, who is Marci Segui's son. Marci is a member of Altrusa International of St. Augustine. At the time, Sebastian was 6 years old and they were talking about different ways to help out their local community. First Sebastian and his cousin, Ian Segui held their first lemonade stand and donated the money to the St Johns County Homeless Coalition. Then Sebastian came up with the idea to give presents to the children at the Coalition. Marci told Altrusa about what Sebastian wanted to do for the children. Altrusa thought it was a great idea to give presents for the children's birthday – especially since part of the gift was books and improving literacy is one of Altrusa's main projects. When Marci and Sebastian delivered the presents for the first time and found out that the children loved their gifts, Sebastian wanted to give more gifts. Sebastian enjoyed shopping for the PJs and filling the birthday bags for the children.

Altrusa has kept Sebastian's simple and kind gesture going and now this is one of the main projects of the club that brings joy to the children of the Coalition. When the project first started, the gifts contained a brand new pair of PJs and a book in a birthday bag. Today each child receives a backpack filled with PJs, books, a blanket, and a birthday card.

Sebastian has since graduated from high school; but he still helps in shopping for gifts for the children. Marci's nephew, Zachary Segui now helps Marci deliver the backpacks each month to the children.

The employees of the Coalition share with Marci how much the children enjoy receiving their gifts and they really do make a difference in their lives. This warms her heart knowing that Altrusa is making these children feel special on their birthday. It does show that a little kindness does go a long way.



Betty Rehrer from St Johns County Homeless Coalition
and Zachary Segui



Club Initiatives

Easter Smiles to Those in Need with Vietnam Veterans of America

By Pat Davis

Altrusa International District Three of North Georgia, Georgia

The Easter Bunny was not deterred by the coronavirus!

With the assistance of the Forsyth County Sheriff's department, he was able to hop about town as planned to deliver baskets of Easter goodies to shut-ins and veterans and their families the week before Easter. Each family received a beautiful white willow basket that contained a ham, a solid chocolate Easter Bunny, hand lotion, an Easter towel, and other assorted items.

Working through The Place, a local social services organization, North Georgia Altrusans teamed with members of the Cumming Vietnam Veterans of America to provide these baskets. Both organizations thank Cumming Costco for donating the hams and the local sheriff's department for making the deliveries.

According to Chapter 1030 VVA President Gary Goyette, "especially in this time of such uncertainty brought about by the COVID-19 we wanted to make sure these families are not forgotten." Altrusa's Mary Kirley said that working together with the Vietnam Veterans "...was a very productive collaboration that will, in the long run, enable our two organizations to do more for the residents of our community, especially veterans, active military and those in need."



Club Initiatives

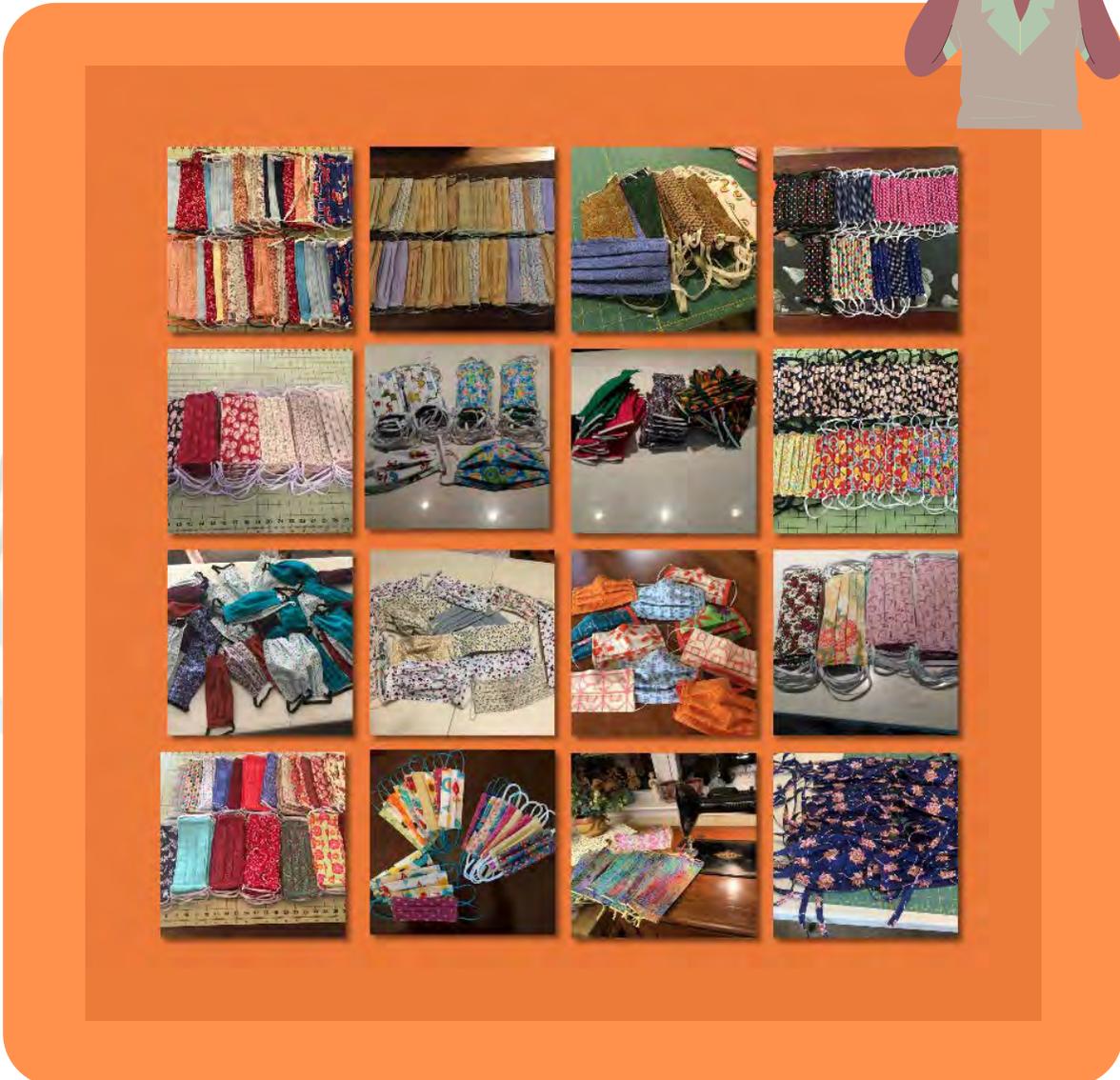
Charlotte Prepares Masks

By Cindylu Brubaker
Altrusa International of Charlotte, North Carolina

While our Charlotte Altrusa/Charlotte Days for Girls Team had to pause from our regular in-person "sew days", several of the volunteers have been busymaking masks for our community instead.

Approximately 4,000 masks have been made with love and distributed to local hospitals, clinics, doctor offices, food pantries, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, daycares, multiple shelters, churches, and neighbors.

As well, masks were made for family and friends and mailed all over the US.



Club Initiatives

Helping Homeless Vets

By Yolander B. Hunter
Altrusa International of Charlotte, North Carolina

In the mist of a pandemic, Charlotte club members are still doing their part to support the local community and our homeless veterans. Club members collected supplies for “Veterans Services of the Carolinas (VSC).” VSC provides services and support for homeless veterans and their families. As part of the planned District Three Service project Charlotte club members were in the process of collecting supplies in support of the conference service project. Once it was determined that the conference would not occur, club members continued to collect the items VSC Housing & Employment Case Manager William Marsh determined would benefit Charlotte’s homeless veteran population. With a pandemic, there was now an even greater need for the items the club collected. Supplies included:

- DMVA Veterans Resource books
- Tuna/jerky
- Snacks
- Tarps
- Backpacks
- Socks
- Blankets
- Personal hygiene items (washcloths, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, chap sticks, shaving cream)
- Pens/notebooks

Club members have voted to continue to collect items in support of our homeless veterans and “Veterans Services of the Carolinas.” Their slogan is “help not just for a day, but for life.” This is even more meaningful in these challenging times.

www.abccm-vsc.org



William Marsh
from Veterans Services of the Carolinas



Altrusa International District Three, Inc. Strategic Plan 2018-2020



Altrusa International District Three, Inc. Strategic Plan - 2018-2020



<p>Vision: Altrusa is a leader among international organizations improving communities worldwide through a network of member clubs.</p>	<p>Mission: To improve communities worldwide by providing service, developing leadership, fostering international understanding and encouraging fellowship through an international network of dedicated volunteers.</p>	<p>Brand: Leading to a Better Community</p> <p>Brand Anchors: Flexibility, Inclusion, Clarity</p>	<p>Measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member Numbers 2. Member Satisfaction Rating 3. Service Hours and Fundraising \$ 4. Website hits 5. Social Media Connections
<p>Service Inspire profile enhancing Service Projects</p>	<p>Facilitate the sharing of service project ideas</p>	<p>Support a District Service Project</p> <p>Seek out new opportunities for addressing Literacy needs in our communities</p> <p>Inspire service projects/fundraisers through a data base/tool kit</p> <p>Encourage new more flexible & inclusive service projects</p>	<p>Support a District Service Project</p> <p>Seek out new opportunities for addressing Literacy needs in our communities</p> <p>Inspire service projects/fundraisers through a data base/tool kit</p> <p>Encourage new more flexible & inclusive service projects</p>
<p>Marketing Enhance the flow of Altrusa information internally and with external parties</p>	<p>Enhance bi-directional flow of information within Altrusa</p> <p>Promote Altrusa to communities worldwide</p>	<p>Share information through the District Service Bulletin</p> <p>Collect feedback via on-line surveys (Members to District)</p> <p>Develop a comprehensive marketing plan including best practice guides/tool kits</p> <p>Enhance the social media strategy/policy to communicate with prospects & members.</p> <p>Enhance the District Three website for potential members & intuitive one for members.</p>	<p>Share information through the District Service Bulletin</p> <p>Collect feedback via on-line surveys (Members to District)</p> <p>Develop a comprehensive marketing plan including best practice guides/tool kits</p> <p>Enhance the social media strategy/policy to communicate with prospects & members.</p> <p>Enhance the District Three website for potential members & intuitive one for members.</p>
<p>Members Increase membership Numbers to 1,000 members by 2020</p>	<p>Recruit & Retain a diverse membership</p>	<p>Embrace change and diversity</p> <p>Expansion of ASTRA clubs with focus on transition to Altrusa</p> <p>Improve resources for the effective recruiting of new members</p> <p>Promote activities that are attractive to potential and younger members</p> <p>Engage members in their Altrusa journey via service & personal interactions</p>	<p>Embrace change and diversity</p> <p>Expansion of ASTRA clubs with focus on transition to Altrusa</p> <p>Improve resources for the effective recruiting of new members</p> <p>Promote activities that are attractive to potential and younger members</p> <p>Engage members in their Altrusa journey via service & personal interactions</p>
<p>Leaders Create a pipeline of strong Altrusa Leaders</p>	<p>Develop leadership at all levels of Altrusa</p>	<p>Cultivate a training track for new leaders (train the trainers)</p> <p>Create tools/best practice guidelines to build new leaders</p> <p>Support a mentoring programme</p> <p>Remove barriers to growing new leaders</p>	<p>Cultivate a training track for new leaders (train the trainers)</p> <p>Create tools/best practice guidelines to build new leaders</p> <p>Support a mentoring programme</p> <p>Remove barriers to growing new leaders</p>
<p>Member Service Inform, Update and Educate members</p>	<p>Respond to member needs in a timely manner</p>	<p>Enhance collection and reporting of membership data through Group Tally</p> <p>Produce tools/resources to support District/Clubs and members</p> <p>Provide District Service Bulletin, District Website, District workshops, email communications and other services</p>	<p>Enhance collection and reporting of membership data through Group Tally</p> <p>Produce tools/resources to support District/Clubs and members</p> <p>Provide District Service Bulletin, District Website, District workshops, email communications and other services</p>



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